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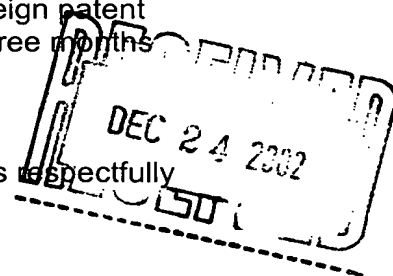
Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of a Supplementary European Search Report, and copies of documents cited therein, in connection with an European Patent Application corresponding to the above-identified application. Also enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Clearly, requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

In any event, the following Statement is made under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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submitted that requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by citation of the non-English language document in the enclosed Supplementary European Search Report, as well as by the English Abstract of this document.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with each of the documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 566.41199X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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